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SUBJECT: LANDSAT IMAGERY FOR PACIFIC ISLANDS

REF: A) STATE 108696, B) CANBERRA 4156

1. EMBASSY HAS RECEIVED REQUEST FROM JONATHAN D. STOEN, PRESIDENT, PACIFIC ENERGY AND MINERALS, LTD., 1301 ARAPAHOE STREET, SUITE 301, GOLDEN, COLORADO 80401, THAT THE LANDSAT SATELLITE BE TURNED ON TO TAKE PICTURES OF PNG AND THE SOLOMON ISLANDS. STOEN IS INTERESTED IN USING DIGITAL ENHANCEMENT TECHNIQUES TO PROSPECT FOR MINERALS. THOUGH PACIFIC ENERGY AND MINERALS, LTD. WOULD EVENTUALLY LIKE TO MAP THE ENTIRE SOLOMON ISLANDS, THEIR FIRST PRIORITY IS CHOISEL. POST IS STILL WAITING FOR MORE DETAILED INFORMATION ON PACIFIC ENERGY AND MINERALS, LTD. PROSPECTIVE LICENSES IN PNG BUT WE UNDERSTAND THAT THEY ARE INTERESTED IN THE WESTERN PAPUA REGION.

2. THE EMBASSY SUPPORTS THIS REQUEST FOR USE OF A LANDSAT SATELLITE. WE BELIEVE IT WILL BE APPRECIATED BY GPNG AND A COMPLETE LANDSAT MAPPING OF THE SOLOMON ISLANDS
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WOULD MAKE AN EXCELLENT GIFT TO THAT COUNTRY FOR ITS INDEPENDENCE.

3. POST WILL SUPPLY MORE INFORMATION AS IT BECOMES AVAILABLE BUT DEPARTMENT SHOULD ALSO CONTACT MR. STOEN DIRECTLY IF NECESSARY.

4. WE UNDERSTAND THAT A SIMILAR REQUEST HAS COME FROM FIJI AND SUGGEST IT MIGHT BE POSSIBLE TO PHOTOGRAPH ALL THREE COUNTRIES AT THE SAME TIME.

5. DOES USE OF LANDSAT REQUIRE REQUEST FROM GPNG AND GSI? WE BELIEVE THAT REQUEST WOULD BE MADE IF GOVERNMENTS KNEW OF POSSIBILITY, BUT WE ARE RELUCTANT TO MAKE OVERTURES UNTIL WE KNOW LIKELIHOOD OF REQUEST, BEING GRANTED.
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